

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN BENSON UPON HIS RECOGNITION AS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John Benson was nominated by Dr. David Mitzel; and

Whereas, John Benson had an experience on Christmas morning in 1989 that touched him so deeply he helped establish the ABC Wilson Fund in memory of 3 children whose lives were senselessly lost; and

Whereas, John Benson has worked diligently with the help of others to make the ABC Wilson Fund an endowment that is saving lives across Muskingum County by providing smoke detectors to all in need.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating John Benson and thanking him for his generosity to the people of Muskingum County.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL NORMAN WALLACE ANDERSON, III

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I humbly rise before you today to mourn the loss and to honor the life of a devoted United States Marine from Parkton, Maryland.

Lance Corporal Norman Wallace Anderson, III, died during active duty on the nineteenth day of October in the year 2005 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Karabilah, Iraq. Anderson was killed by a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device.

Anderson, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, 2 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, joined his division in June 2003 as a rifleman.

He returned to the States November of last year, and wed high school sweetheart, Victoria Worthing Anderson in August before continuing to active duty.

The Lance Corporal had aspirations of military life since he was a young boy. He dreamt of following in the footsteps of his father, Norman Wallace Anderson, Junior, a retired Army Ranger.

Anderson is remembered as a soldier who wished to serve his country so that his parents, his friends, and all of their families could keep their freedom.

A ceremony was held at Anderson's alma mater, Hereford High School, during a football

game on Friday, the twenty-first of October 2005 to honor the fallen soldier. Players wore Anderson's initials on their helmets and the school retired his number thirty-three jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor a man who proudly devoted his life to serving his country for the safety of his fellow citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 570 on H. Con. Res. 260 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2005 I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall vote No. 569.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 569, in support of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2005, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall No. 569. The vote I missed was on agreeing to the conference report for making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 569.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY GERALD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant who

has served the residents of Marion, South Carolina ably for more than 30 years. Mayor Bobby Gerald is a product of Marion County, and is a lifelong resident of the community he serves. His tremendous impact on his hometown reflects his enduring commitment to the city and its people.

Bobby Gerald has served a remarkable 20 years as Mayor of the City of Marion. His success in the political arena is no surprise given his talent as a businessman. At the tender age of 16, Bobby began selling cars for Neil Padgett Motors. After graduating from Marion High School, he joined the sales staff full time and went on to win every salesmanship award given by Ford Motor Company. His natural abilities and good business sense led him to become the General Manager and Executive Vice President of Earl Collins Ford Motor Company in 1967, just seven years after his high school graduation. In 1980, Bobby purchased the business, which he still runs successfully today.

Yet being a successful businessman was not enough for Bobby Gerald. He also felt a duty to serve his community, and in April 1975 he was appointed to the Marion County Board of Commissioners. He first won elective office in January 1977 as a member of the Marion County Council, where he served as Vice Chairman. Two years later, Bobby became Chairman of Marion County Council, a capacity in which he served until June 1982. At that time he was appointed by the Marion County Delegation to serve on the South Carolina State Highway Commission. In June 1985, he resigned that appointment after being elected the Mayor of the City of Marion, a position he has held ever since.

As Mayor of Marion, Bobby Gerald has led his city through difficult plant closures and the decline in tobacco farming. Yet his community has embraced its rich history and small town charm and become a tourist destination. Main Street has been revitalized with many family-owned antique shops and quaint boutiques, and a National Register Historic District has preserved and protected many of the homes, churches and other structures. I am proud to have worked with Bobby on the preservation of the old Marion High School, which is a crown jewel of this community.

In addition to his elected and appointed positions, Bobby Gerald has also been very active in community organizations. He is a member of the Jaycees, Mullins Rotary Club, Civitans, the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments, and the S.C. Automobile Dealers Association. He has held several leadership positions within these organizations at the local and state levels. He has won numerous awards and citations including the American Hometown Leadership Award in 1999, the Public Service Award in 1996, the Marion Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 1995, and the Historic Marion Revitalization Association Board of Directors Award in 1995.

Bobby is in partnership with a lovely wife, Frances, and the couple has three children

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and three grandchildren. They are members of the Marion Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, on November 21, 2005 I will sponsor a luncheon in Mayor Bobby Gerald's honor to say thanks for his many years of public service and personal friendship, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending this longtime friend for his business acumen and dedicated commitment to public service. He is a natural leader, who has made extraordinary contributions to the City of Marion and the State of South Carolina.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIAM C. LOFTY UPON HIS POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION AS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Dr. William Loftly was nominated by Donnie Loubiere of the Belpre Area Community Development Foundation; and

Whereas, Dr. William Loftly was a man dedicated to his community, his church and his God; and

Whereas, Dr. William Loftly selflessly gave of himself to provide scholarship aid to local students and gave them an inspiring figure to look up to.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Dr. William Loftly and thanking him for his generosity to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. NANCY DORAN

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to Ms. Nancy Doran who was awarded the 2005 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Second Congressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Group.

It is with great pleasure that I bring before you a woman who has selflessly committed herself to helping lift the spirits of United States Veterans.

On Tuesday evenings for the past 3½ years, Ms. Doran and her dog Duffy perform voluntary pet therapy services at the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center.

Ms. Doran and her dog have made approximately one hundred eighty-eight visits so far, and stay for about 90 minutes each time; which is a tremendous act of kindness.

As a result of Duffy's presence, typically non-verbal veterans speak to Duffy while petting him and giving him treats. Duffy allows them to reminisce about their own dogs and gives them an opportunity to experience a pleasant evening of memories, friendship, and fellowship.

I believe this country should honor the service and sacrifices of those who place themselves in harms-way to protect the freedoms of the American citizens. The Veterans Advisory Group provides an excellent opportunity

for me to share pending legislation with people who have done just that, as well as, gain their perspective on specialized issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me, and the Veterans Advisory Group to commend Ms. Nancy Doran for her efforts to visit with and care for the United States Veterans. She has gone above and beyond to aid those who have dedicated their lives to service our great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 571 on H.R. 1973, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 3, 2005 I was unavoidably detained thus missed rollcall vote No. 568.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 568, in support of H.R. 4128, the "Private Property Rights Protection Act"—legislation that I voted in support of in the House Judiciary Committee.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING MRS. VERDA C. JONES UPON HER RECOGNITION AS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Verda Jones was nominated by Ms. Susan Urano of the Athens Foundation; and

Whereas, Verda Jones saw what the potential of the goodwill from a few dedicated citizens could lead to; and

Whereas, Verda Jones inspired many to contribute to what would eventually become the Athens Foundation, an endowment for the benefit of Athens.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mrs. Verda C. Jones and thanking her for her generosity to the Athens community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 7, 2005, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 570, 571, and 572.

The votes I missed included a motion to suspend the rules and agree to Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, Nostra Aetate, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue; a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act; and a motion to suspend the rules and agree to Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes Nos. 570, 571, and 572.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COLONEL ALBERT B. GUESS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a decorated war veteran and committed community activist. Lt. Colonel Albert B. Guess says his greatest ambition is "the utilization of his resources, knowledge and experiences to promote the well being and welfare of others." I believe he has achieved this goal in every facet of his life.

Albert B. Guess was born in Santee, South Carolina to farming parents. As a young man, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, serving for 3 years until his discharge as a Corporal. Colonel Guess used the G.I. Bill to attend South Carolina State University, and joined the college's ROTC program. His early life on the farm led him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, and upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

After college, Colonel Guess taught agriculture, mathematics and science at Barr Street High School in Lancaster, South Carolina. At the same time, he served as the Director of the area veterans and adult farm program that taught hands-on farming practices and management.

Colonel Guess was recalled to the Army in May 1951, where he served another 20 years. His military career took him to New Guinea, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Korea, Alaska, and he served 2 tours in Vietnam. He earned many awards and decorations for meritorious actions and service including the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Colonel officially retired from active duty in June 1971 as a Lt. Colonel.

After leaving the military, Colonel Guess returned to South Carolina and his wife's hometown of Marion. There he became very active in the community, and that is how I first met him. He served as President of the Marion County Branch of the NAACP, and was instrumental in negotiating the majority-minority single member districts for the Marion City Council and the Marion County Council. He also led numerous voter registration and voter participation drives.

Colonel Guess has also been very active in Marion School District One. He has served as a hearing officer helping to represent the interest of parents and children in the district. He has been deeply involved in ensuring that the